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now in the possession of Mrs. Richards, of Knoxville, Tenn. (of which Mr. Charles U. Williams, of Richmond, Va., has an excellent copy) was probably a portrait, not of James Bruce, the supposed emigrant, as surmised in a former account of the Bruce family, but either of Charles² Bruce, of "Soldier's Rest," or of Charles Bruce,³ of King George county. B.

STONE FAMILIES OF VIRGINIA—SOME PROBLEMS.

Capt. William Stone, who settled on a grant of land in Accomac county, in 1633, had several brothers. But that they had any dealings with others, by the name of Stone, does not appear.

The records of York county, Va., and the land grants in Virginia show that James Stone, a merchant of London, received a grant of 8,000 acres in Charles City county, February 9, 1636, and James Stone, merchant, November 4th, 1647, received a grant of 564 acres in York county. But James Stone, merchant of London, had died before the 10th day of January, 1647, as is shown by an attachment issued by the Governor, Berkeley, on that day for the payment of a debt of James Stone, deceased, to Robert Vaux, amount £2,343, 6 shillings, 10 pence, and another of over £52. Were these persons James Stone one and the same, or father and son—evidently the latter, as another record of judgment in favor of James Stone against Thos. Bremor was granted December, 15, 1647. The debt of James Stone, merchant, of London, England, to Robert Vaux, of Virginia, was made of record September 18, 1646; so that it seems that the London merchant, James Stone, died sometime between September, 1646, and January, 1647, and his son was in Virginia at or about this time or soon after. Now there was a William Stone in York county, Va., whose will is recorded and dated November 25, 1729. The subsequent records show that his descendants moved into Lunenburg county, Va., and some of them are to be found in Tennessee and Texas today. His will named his wife, Sarah Stone, and four children, William, Ashwell, Elizabeth and Mary.

Then again, there was another William Stone in New Kent county, who received, April 15, 1663, a grant of 750 acres, in that county. His wife's name was Mary. They had children, William, John and Mary.

This son, William, born January, 1683, married Elizabeth Dennett, January 20, 1710. The son, John, married Rebecca Amoss, January 25, 1705, and later moved to Talbot county, Md.

William and wife, Elizabeth, both died in January, 1718, leaving a son, William, who later married Francis Taylor. His will was probated in Fluvanna county, in 1777, and is easily accessible.

Still another William Stone left his will in Richmond county, Va.,

dated 1704. His descendants, in part, remained in Richmond county, Va., others moved into Pittsylvania county, Va., and there lines can largely be traced down to the present. Again, as early as 1711, there was a Francis Stone in Richmond county, Va., and so far as my present records show, he was not a son of either of the Williams above.

Then there was Col. John Stone, of old Rappahannock county, Va., who died 1695, leaving only one daughter, and in no way related to the Maryland Stones, but evidently to some of the Virginia Stones.

Now the question is, what relationship, if any, existed between these various Stones? they were all important personages. The similarity of family names seem to indicate that there was some close family relationship between the William Stone of New Kent county and the William Stone of Richmond county. The relationship of territory and commercial dealings seem to indicate that there was also family connection between Col. John, of Rappahannock, James, of York, William, of New Kent county, William, of Richmond county, and Francis, of Richmond county. The old family traditions declare that these persons lived in great wealth for the times and were persons of large influence.

Any rays of light—from dates of immigration, dealings, court records &c.—that can be thrown on these lines will be of great value in tracing out their family histories.

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DAVIS FAMILY—(Concluded).—James Davis mar. Eliza Jeffreys; Dianna mar. Frederick Moss; Sarah mar. William Howard; Susan mar. Jos. Holt.

When each of his children married, Thomas Davis gave them a hundred acres of fine blue-grass land or its equivalent in negroes, so that at the division of the estate, after the death of his wife in 1847, there was but seventy-five acres of land about the old home and six negroes left. According to the inventory his house seems to have been well furnished, for besides the usual chairs, tables, high-post and low-post bedsteads, chest of drawers, etc., were such things as tea tables, candle stands, and two secretaries.

WANTED.—Any further information obtainable concerning the Fielding and Davis families, by Dr. Joseph Lyon Miller, Ashland, Ky.

BROOKE FAMILY.—It has been necessary to postpone the instalment of this genealogy until the July Magazine.